## North Mundham Parish Council

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## CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

One of the important things the parish council has to tackle each year is setting the precept - the money you pay as part of your Council Tax bill which goes to the parish council. Each January we set the rate for the coming financial year - in this case April 2020 to March 2021. The precept accounts for our major source of funds, and without it we would not be able to exist as a body to represent you. We always try to keep any increase to a minimum. For this year we have had to ask for a modest rise in anticipation of the costs associated with producing the Neighbourhood Development Plan. This will amount to eight pence a week for a Band D property.

Looking ahead, a date of your diary is the Meeting of Electors which this year takes place on Thursday 5 March, in the Village Hall at 7 pm. This is the event where the parish council reports to you about what we have been doing in the past year, and where you have an opportunity to ask questions during the meeting, and to talk to us informally afterwards. We will also use that meeting to bring you up to date with the progress of the Neighbourhood Development Plan, and our thoughts on how we can re-structure the way we manage the Village Hall to work more efficiently with the Playing Fields Trust.

Finally, I should mention that, at the time I am writing, we have a vacancy on the parish council. If there is anyone interested in this role, or would like to know more about what it involves, please contact me or the Clerk, Mrs Louise Chater, at: <a href="mailto:clerk@northmundham.org">clerk@northmundham.org</a>

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